

Dao language (China)

The **Dao language** or ***Daohua*** (Chinese: 倒话; pinyin: *dàohuà*; lit. 'inverted language') is a Chinese–Tibetan mixed language or creolized language of Yajiang County, Sichuan, China. Word order is SOV as in Tibetan (Yeshes Vodgsal Atshogs 2004:6), while the lexicon consists of words derived from both Chinese and Tibetan.

Distribution

Yeshes Vodgsal Atshogs (2004:6) reports that Dao is spoken in the following townships of Yajiang County, Sichuan, China. Within these administrative townships, Dao is spoken in 8 villages, comprising a total of 504 households and 2,685 individuals as of 1995.

- Hekou town 河口镇 (including Mazishi village 麻子石村^[2])
- Bajiaolou township 八角楼乡
- Xiala township 呷拉乡

Choyo, a Qiangic language, is spoken just to the north of Dao, and is also spoken in Xiala township 呷拉乡.

See also

- Selibu language
- Wutun language

References

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Yeshes Vodgsal Atshogs (2004:6)

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Dao	
Native to	China
Region	Yajiang County, Sichuan
Native speakers	(2,685 cited 1995) ^[1]
Language family	<div>mixed Mandarin–Tibetan</div>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	None (mis)
Glottolog	<div>daoh1239 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/id/daoh1239)</div>

External links

- [Dao numerals \(https://web.archive.org/web/20150703164910/http://lingweb.eva.mpg.de/numeral/Daohua.htm\)](https://web.archive.org/web/20150703164910/http://lingweb.eva.mpg.de/numeral/Daohua.htm)
- [Glottolog data for Dao \(https://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/daoh1239\)](https://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/daoh1239)